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Memorandum for: Deputy Director (Support)

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Subject: Proposed  Limitations on Outside Activities

1. Reference is made to a recent discussion concerning this proposed regulation and a question whether Section 5, Private Unofficial Foreign Travel, is too restrictive on the employee. Specifically Section 5c (2) was questioned wherein "Deviations from the scope of the approved travel are prohibited."

2. This matter has been carefully considered and the proposed regulation was written with sufficiently restrictive language in order that the employee will be held to his proposed travel itinerary without major deviations. In the security interview following a request for unofficial travel, the proposed itinerary is discussed with the employee and permissible deviations within the scope of the travel are discussed and agreed to. These deviations do not include, however, travel into critical areas nor into Soviet controlled zones.

3. After an itinerary has been approved, the Office of Security notified the CI Staff which in turn passes the information to the interested area division for appropriate notification to the field stations covering those areas where the employee will travel. Major deviations from the travel itinerary would render this protective medium useless and would tend to offset the elements of accountability which are established over the employee's foreign travel.

4. It is felt that adequate leeway is permitted the employee through the medium of security authorization and discussion with the employee to meet minor deviations in the travel itinerary which are normally expected to occur. It is requested that the regulation be approved in its present form and the travel control cited above be maintained as written.

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Director of Security

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